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Bowling

Quite an interesting series was bowled last night at the Newport between the Virginians and Newport. The Newport won the first game by one pin. The second was a landslide for the Virginians, they winning by 187 pins. The Newport were handicapped by not having their full quota of men present, and due allowance was made. For the Virginians Spilling was high man, with 227, and Williams was high total with 408. Hutchinson was high man for the Newport, with 215, and also high total with 552. The Virginians won the third game also. The scores:

| Virginians | 1 | 2 | 3 | Totals |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| Spilling | 170 | 227 | 186 | 583 |
| Williams | 225 | 189 | 194 | 608 |
| Lowman | 142 | 142 | 155 | 439 |
| Thorpe | 171 | 168 | 178 | 517 |
| Martin | 154 | 189 | 183 | 526 |
| Totals | 862 | 916 | 891 | 2,669 |

| Newports | 1 | 2 | 3 | Totals |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| Smith | 163 | 145 | 162 | 470 |
| Leary | 169 | 171 | 177 | 517 |
| Hutchinson | 183 | 130 | 215 | 528 |
| Blind | 136 | 130 | 120 | 386 |
| Totals | 631 | 576 | 604 | 1,811 |

| Standing of the Clubs | W. | L. | P. |
|-----------------------|----|----|-----|
| Chas. | 11 | 4 | 723 |
| Remingtons | 11 | 4 | 723 |
| Leas Leader | 10 | 6 | 667 |
| Alcos | 11 | 7 | 611 |
| Times-Dispatch | 9 | 6 | 600 |
| Virginians | 11 | 10 | 523 |
| Journals | 7 | 8 | 467 |
| Cook Printing Co. | 7 | 11 | 388 |
| Newports | 17 | 12 | 242 |

Merchants' League

The Merchants' Bowling League opened its season last night at the Newport before a large crowd. The Chesapeake and Ohio team were pitted against the Burk & Co. team. Both sides put up a game fight and did excellent work for amateur bowlers. The C. & O. boys walked away with the opening game, but the Burk & Co. team came back strong in the second game and won out by 25 pins majority.

Briggs was high score and high total, with 515. Captain Glen did good work for his team. Ellis did one for a new man and gives promise of becoming a good one. The score follows:

| Chesapeake and Ohio | 1 | 2 | 3 | Totals |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| Derby (Capt.) | 121 | 123 | 115 | 359 |
| Lingo | 119 | 147 | 156 | 422 |
| Richardson | 126 | 116 | 123 | 365 |
| A. Sutterlin | 142 | 124 | 122 | 388 |
| Gordon | 122 | 150 | 147 | 419 |
| Sutterlin | 122 | 150 | 147 | 419 |
| Totals | 752 | 790 | 728 | 2,270 |

| Burk & Co. | 1 | 2 | 3 | Totals |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| Glen (Capt.) | 181 | 125 | 146 | 452 |
| Briggs | 177 | 201 | 207 | 585 |
| G. Thorpe | 122 | 98 | 122 | 342 |
| Ellis | 162 | 144 | 175 | 481 |
| Marshall | 137 | 157 | 128 | 422 |
| Totals | 644 | 725 | 778 | 2,147 |

Des.royed by Fire

Winchester, Va., December 4.—"Frank Ford," the home of Mrs. Thomas McCormick, near Berryville, Clarke county, was burned down early today, the fire catching on the roof. Several thousand dollars worth of old mahogany furniture was destroyed. The loss amounts to about \$6,000, with small insurance.

Only Ordinary Card Offered at Columbia, but Sport Is Keen.

Columbia, S. C., December 4.—Although the offering at the fair grounds was only ordinary the sport was keen, several close finishes enlivening the day. Two favorites were successful. The Most bolted through the fence in the sixth event and was withdrawn, all money on him being refunded. Summaries:

First race—\$200, for three-year-olds and up, five and a half furlongs, selling—Tudor Bear (3 to 1) first, Helen Scott (7 to 10) second, Starboard (1 to 2) third. Time, 1:09.
Second race—\$250, for four-year-olds and up, one and one-eighth mile, selling—Hatteras (14 to 5) first, Naudu (3 to 5) second, Golconda (7 to 5) third. Time, 1:55 2-5.
Third race—\$250, for two-year-olds, five furlongs, selling—Lady McGee (3 to 2) first, Excelsior (1 to 2) second, Christmas Daisy (1 to 2) third. Time, 1:02 3-5.
Fourth race—\$250, for four-year-olds and up, one and one-eighth mile, selling—Hatteras (14 to 5) first, Naudu (3 to 5) second, Golconda (7 to 5) third. Time, 1:55 2-5.
Fifth race—\$200, for three-year-olds and up, six furlongs—Donald McDonald (3 to 1) first, Cow II (3 to 4) second, Parajolla (1 to 3) third. Time, 1:14 2-5.
Sixth race—\$300, two-year-olds, five furlongs, selling—Clem Beachy (6 to 1) first, Typo (1 to 2) second, Thrifty (even) third. Time, 1:08 3-5.

BEGIN TRAINING FOR TRACK TEAM

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Charlottesville, Va., December 4.—Indoor track training at Virginia began this afternoon at the call of "Pop" Lannigan. Twenty or more ambitious athletes will be kept at work all through the winter on the wooden running tracks.
This has been built in the depression behind Madison Hall and will serve to provide a dry place for the students to exert themselves. Seven or eight very attractive indoor meets have been arranged. Two of these will be in Baltimore, several in Washington and possibly one in Richmond.
The exact schedule has not been prepared, although Manager Neff is working upon it now. Lannigan believes that with an immense amount of hard work this winter he can bring out an unusually good track team next spring, for his material is fairly well balanced.

VALUABLE HORSES KILLED BY EATING DAMAGED CORN

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Staunton, Va., December 4.—About twenty horses, some of them very valuable, have been known to die in Augusta county within the past month from encephalitis and cerebro-spinal meningitis, caused, according to veterinarians by eating corn partly spoiled. The wet weather in the early fall damaged much corn in the county that had not been gathered in, and some farmers fed it without thinking any harm would come from the slightly damaged ears. Trouble from this source is a new one in the county. Other valley counties seem to have suffered similarly. Veterinarians say that such corn does not hurt cattle, hogs or fowls.

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"REGULAR" FACTION OF LEAGUE MAGNATES RE-ELECTS WILLIAMS

Representatives of Roanoke, Norfolk and Petersburg Give Other Cities Until December 10 to Exercise Franchise Rights—Protection for Suffolk, Newport News and Portsmouth Asked For.

BY GUS MALBERT.

Petersburg, Va., December 4.—The Virginia League is now composed of two distinct bodies and two distinct heads. It happened to-day, and C. R. Williams is at the top of one body, while J. F. Whitaker, of Lynchburg, heads the other. The absorbing question now is, "Which is the stronger body, and which will survive?"

The regular faction of the league, represented by Roanoke, Norfolk and Petersburg, held a nice, quiet meeting in the Stratford Hotel to-day, re-electing C. R. Williams as president, and naming John Hill, of Richmond, vice-president. Richmond, Lynchburg and Danville failed to put in an appearance, just as had been expected. The meeting began at 11 o'clock and adjourned at 3:30.

When the meeting was called to order by President Williams there was absent that air of uncertainty which usually marks a meeting of the magnates controlling the league. For some reason or other one gathered that there was going to be something doing, and one was not disappointed. The roll was called in usual order, and the present noted while a big, black mark was set opposite the names of the absentees.

From Petersburg Dennis Perkinson, W. Gordon McCabe, Jr., and H. B. Pritchard answered present. Roanoke sent Elmore D. Heins, while Norfolk was represented in the person of Woodward Allen. Richmond sent a curt note from W. B. Bradley, saying that in view of the fact that a president had been elected at the meeting held on November 6, and all other business deferred until a subsequent meeting to be held at such time as the new president decreed, he would not recognize the right of President Williams to call meeting for the election of officers. R. B. Wilkerson, of Lynchburg, sent the same kind of a note. These letters or notes were made part of the records of the meeting. Only silence came from Danville. Masses set stirred to action.

The declarations from Lynchburg and Richmond, instead of having a de-

terent effect upon those assembled, acted as a stimulant, and a quorum being declared present the election of officers was gone into with the result already stated. But that wasn't all that was done by any means. Indeed, it was only a very mild beginning for what was to follow.

Upon motion of Mr. McCabe, Richmond, Lynchburg and Danville were given until December 10 to declare whether they would or would not exercise their franchise rights in the Virginia League. Telegrams notifying the presidents of the clubs in these three cities of the action of the meeting were sent at once, and letters confirming the telegram will be mailed just as soon as President Williams reaches Roanoke. Should replies not be received appeal will be made to the National Board of Arbitration, which meets in New York December 12, to declare these franchises forfeit to the league.

Mr. McCabe then declared that in looking over the affairs of the league it had been found that W. B. Bradley owed the organization \$300, with interest, being a debt left from the season of 1910, when Portsmouth threw up the sponge, leaving the league to hold the bag. It will be remembered that the Virginia League then agreed to carry Portsmouth for the remainder of the season. Prior to the dissolution of the seaside club, W. B. Bradley, it seems, had advanced the amount named in order that salaries might be paid. Portsmouth came to Richmond shortly thereafter, and Bradley, so it is claimed, instead of turning over to the league the receipts of the games, took out his \$300. This sum the league now demands.

Some Finest Still Unpaid. But still more follows. W. B. Bradley has not paid all of his fines for the season of 1911, according to the report made to the meeting by President Williams. There is a small fine amounting to \$35 imposed upon Lucia and Cowan for filing balls used in a game, which still remains unsettled.

Also, on holidays it is provided that women entering the park shall be

charged admission. It is alleged that W. B. Bradley refused to charge admission to the fair sex on said holidays, and while the league magnates are thoroughly in accord with the chivalric spirit which prevented the Richmond magnate from taking money of the fair ones, they hold that law is law, and as the constitution of the league specifically provides that women shall be charged admission on holidays, and as all of the other cities of the circuit did charge them admission, they feel that they are impelled to ask W. B. Bradley to reimburse the league for \$35 admissions for women, who entered Broad Street Park on Labor Day, according to a counter which Mr. Pritchard, of Petersburg, kept in his pocket. There would have been a demand for the money so lost to the league on other holidays, but that no accurate means was at hand to determine just what the demand should be. Mr. Bradley is given until December 8 to pay these several sums, with interest.

Ask Protection for Other Towns. After issuing the ultimatum that the warring cities must state what they were going to do on or before December 10, President Williams sent a telegram to Secretary J. H. Farrell, of the National Association of Professional Ball Leagues, asking protection for the Virginia League for Suffolk, Newport News and Portsmouth.

What effect this action on the part of the meeting held to-day will have on Lynchburg, Danville and Richmond remains to be seen. Whatever happens, it is certain that the three cities represented to-day feel secure in what they have done. They fail to recognize the meeting at which Lawyer Whitaker, of Lynchburg, was named as president. Indeed, the minutes of that meeting, compiled by President Williams, fail to show wherein an election took place. The meeting, if the minutes are correct, ended abruptly at Roanoke, represented by Heins, who also represented Norfolk by proxy, and Pritchard, representing Petersburg, bolted.

They further hold that the proxy which Heins presented from Norfolk was accepted, not only by Williams, when he was in the chair, but by temporarily while Williams was out of the room, and that an appeal from the decision of the chair required a two-thirds vote, which was not obtained.

National Board Called Upon. Should no reply be received from Lynchburg and Richmond and Danville by the 10th of this month, President Williams will take the matter up before the national board and ask that these three franchises be declared forfeit to the league. It is understood that the board is favorable to the Williams administration, and it is also understood that the board will not countenance such action as that taken by the meeting held on November 6, when, taking advantage of a technicality, an alleged election was entered into against the wishes of one half of the organization.

It is also said that the sum of money claimed by the league from W. B. Bradley, if it is not paid as prescribed by the meeting to-day, will be recovered through the same channel. The fight is on, and on to the finish. The men who were in this good today did not mince matters. They called every spade a spade, and all deprecated the fact that there were no representatives from the other cities of the circuit. There was no fooling in this matter. The shots were straight from the shoulder, and were aimed at some vital spot.

W. Gordon McCabe, Jr., a man of reputation and a man known for his fighting qualities, said on the floor that while he was more than anxious to be fair to all parties, he did not intend to be bullied. He felt that he and his associates had been taken advantage of in a mean way and he resented it. He felt that the action taken to-day was both just and right and that this action would be upheld by the final appellate body of baseball in this country—the board of arbitration. And every man at the meeting felt the same way about it. It was one of the most sincere, most energetic, most productive meetings the league has ever held.

Meeting Does Good Work. If the Virginia League is to last, it will be the action taken to-day which kept it together. There were no trickeries resorted to. Every action taken was taken in the open with representatives of the press on hand to watch every move. The good of the league was at stake, and the men on hand went to the task set for them with their sleeves rolled up and with a determination to surmount all difficulties.

Obviously the opposing faction, meaning Richmond and Lynchburg and Danville, have their redress. They will be able to appear before the National Board. There will even have the opportunity of taking the matter into court and trusting to the decision of that tribunal. But, since

W. B. Bradley, president of the Broad Street Park Corporation, which controls the Richmond baseball franchise in the Virginia League, when told last night of the action taken at the league meeting held in Petersburg yesterday, said that while he did not think that the meeting was qualified to elect officers, he did think that it was perfectly qualified to transact much of the business which came before it.

"I believe," said Mr. Bradley, "that the meeting at which Mr. Whitaker was elected president was perfectly legal. I also feel that if the meeting at which Mr. Whitaker was elected yesterday at which Mr. Williams and other officers were elected. Our election of Mr. Whitaker was not made in a spirit of antagonism to Mr. Williams, but because of his connection with the Roanoke club and of his control of the vote of the Norfolk club. We simply thought it was for the best interest of the league to make a change."

Board's Decision Final. "Why, even suggested that if we would be glad to vote for that candidate. However, things will adjust themselves, I believe, and if the question ever gets before the National Board of Arbitration, I, for one, will be glad to abide by the decision of that body, whatever it may be, and there will be no resort to the courts, even should the decision favor Mr. Williams. The National Board of Arbitration is the highest baseball court, and it is only by abiding by its decisions that baseball has reached the plane it now occupies."

In regard to the alleged connection President Williams has with the Roanoke club, he has time and again denied that he was interested in the club in any way, shape, manner or form, and the same is true of the Norfolk club. From Mr. Williams's standpoint it might be as well to blame Mr. Bradley for controlling the Danville and Lynchburg votes as it is to blame the president of the league for having the support of the other three clubs.

Mr. Bradley stated that he was now negotiating for a tract of land on which to build a new park, and that if possession of the property could be obtained before Christmas, he expected to be in the new park when the season opens. Newark will be the first team to be seen in action here in the spring. March 30 having been assigned that club. In fact, Newark wants to spend two or three days here and a week in Virginia. It is probable that Petersburg and Norfolk will all the other dates.

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The National Board is very jealous of its prerogatives, and since the magnate of baseball just now is very friendly disposed toward those who are bargaining matters out of its hands, it remains to be seen whether those who are opposing the Williams administration will have the temerity to oppose or attempt to thwart the decisions of the highest baseball court should this decision be against them.

If the Virginia League is to stand, then the action taken at to-day's meeting will have to be acknowledged. This has already been stated and is repeated merely for the sake of emphasis. There was not a thing done, not a piece of business transacted, but with redoubt to the good of the organization. The question of umpires was discussed and the selection of the arbiters left to the president, with instructions to get good men, even if they cost a little more money. Passes to the games were also discussed, and the question of a committee composed of Roanoke, Petersburg and Lynchburg. An amendment to the constitution was proposed calling for the election of officers at least ninety days before the expiration of the terms of the outgoing officials.

League Opens April 25. It was decided that the league season would begin on April 25 and close September 6, the Wednesday after Labor Day. The president was instructed to draft a schedule, to be submitted to the magnates for their approval. The question of salary limit was discussed, but the limit remained unchanged. Each club will be allowed twelve players exclusive of a playing manager, and for these twelve players \$1,400 may be expended, with the individual limit at \$150.

The committee which will consider the question of passes will likely consider the advisability of equipping all of the parks in the league with registering turnstiles. It was pointed out that the leading parks in the country were so equipped and the many advantages of the turnstiles were laid before the meeting. In the matter of postponed games it was decided that postponed games should be played during the series in which the postponement occurred, or if this was found impossible, then the game should be played in the next succeeding series.

Richmond Can Go Higher. But what will be the most pleasing to the people of Richmond is the fact that each of the magnates present went on record as saying that if Richmond wanted to get in the Eastern League, the Virginia League would not stand in the way, and would ask not one cent remuneration for relieving Richmond from the obligations to the State organization. Thus the old bugaboo that Richmond cannot get into faster company because of the Virginia League obstacle is removed once and for all.

The fact that the league saw fit to ask protection for Newport News, Suffolk and Portsmouth leads to the conclusion that a change in the present circuit is anticipated. If this is true, it is highly probable that Danville and Lynchburg will be the two towns to go. This is certain if the national board upholds the administration. From the manner in which the business of the league is transacted, one is led to believe that those present were pretty sure of their ground.

League Still Uncertain. Altogether the meeting was most

satisfactory. There was a world of business transacted, and it was transacted expeditiously, without wrangle and without trouble. It was a goodly gathering, and whether the action stands or falls, it should serve as a model for future meetings of the organization.

Of course, it is by no means certain that there will be a Virginia League next season. It is still split, split as nearly wide open as it can possibly be. There are no two points in common between the warring factions, unless it be that they have agreed to disagree. The real fight is still to come. Will Williams and his allies finally win, or will Bradley and his side ultimately triumph? Regardless of the result, the public is enjoying it all. There is nothing so pretty as a battle, especially if one can watch it from afar. And if Richmond is doomed to no baseball in 1912—well, Richmond will make the most of it, and hope for what will come thereafter.

Mr. Hill Will Accept. Julian H. Hill, cashier of the National State and City Bank, who was yesterday elected vice-president of the Virginia Baseball League at the meeting held in Petersburg, when notified by The Times-Dispatch of his election, said:

"It is quite a compliment. I am very glad to learn that I am getting so popular in baseball affairs. I hope there's a great, big salary attached to the office."

Mr. Hill was recently elected president of the Richmond Amateur Baseball Commission.

HOUNDS SET FAST PACE FOR RIDERS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Gordonsville, Va., December 4.—The Castle Hill hounds met at the kennels on Saturday at 3:30 o'clock. The first cast was made at Carner's Mill, and led through Windsor and Hoffman's farm. A feature of the hunt was the perfect work done by eight couples of this excellent pack and the beautiful jumping of Prince Royal, who took a four feet eight inch fence in faultless style. The going was excellent, the pace unusual fast, making a short check in Lovers' Lane, welcome to both horses and riders. The hounds were again cast, the course leading to Logan for a finish.

Among the riders enjoying the sport were J. F. W. Ruffin, acting M. H., on Willow King; Pat Ladd, first whip, on Prince Royal; Sandy, second whip, on Pretty Maid; Count Estes, on Black Beauty.

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